THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHANA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources provides support to the States and Union Territories for installation of Solar photovoltaic power plants. No specific State-wise targets for the establishment of such plants have been set for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Any proposals from Maharashtra would be considered for support as and when received.

Revamping Family Welfare Programmes

1782. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revamp the Famiuly planning programmes;

(b) what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) the date by which the programme will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) New initiatives like exemption from Quantitative Contraceptive targets, monitoring of quality indicators, sensitisation of State level officials on quality aspects are being taken up to improve quality of services.

Vasectomy and Tubectomy

1783. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite proven safety, reversibility and complication-free natutre of vasectomy operations as compared to tubectomy operation, male-acceptors of sterilisation are few and far between.

(b) if so, the comparative figures of male and female acceptors of sterilisation who have undergone the operations during the past four years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to revolutionise the Population Control Programme to save the country from an inevitable catastrophe of population crossing all economic parameters of growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

Year	Sterilisation	
	Male	Female
1991-92	174201	3915838
1992-93	150719	4135587
1993-94*	149741	4345912
1994-95*	117678	4207741

*Figures are provisional

(c) An Action Plan formulated in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories is under implementation. Its features include improving the quality and outreach of services, promotion of spacing methods among younger age couples, special focus on 90 lagging districts, involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation and strengthening of interventions to promote maternal and child helath care.

Modernisation of Indian Navy

1784. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's preparations to match armed Navy of China and Pakistan;